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In re Patent Application of:

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Application No.: 09/804,481

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For: NOVEL SMALL NUCLEAR RNA VECTORS
AND USES THEREFOR

REPLY TO UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Communication mailed October 4, 2007 in connection with the above application.

Specifically, the Examiner asserts that "Applicants did not indicate which of the newly added claims (e.g., see 7/12/2007 Response, claims 52 and 53) are readable upon the elected species in accordance with MPEP §809.02(a)."

In response, Applicants submit that both claims 52 and 53 are readable upon the species elected in Applicants' Response submitted on April 14, 2003. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any